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Dear Mr. Kersten:

As you know, the open hearings held by your committee on the "incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia by the USSR" produced material of great value to us in broadcasts by the Voice of America back of the Iron Curtain. These human interest accounts of the result of the USSR rule, with its brutalities and inhuman treatment, are telling proof of why the Kremlin must be resisted by all people.

Obviously, similar material could be produced from the accounts of the USSR absorption of the satellite countries. I hope the scope of your committee may be enlarged so as to include investigations of the actual facts surrounding the proposed rule of the Kremlin on the satellite countries. Naturally we will continue to offer every cooperation with your committee. I think our experts in whatever countries you are authorized to investigate could be of material assistance to you. If I can do anything further to cooperate with you, by all means let me know.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Theodore C. Streibert Director

The Honorable Charles J. Kersten House of Representatives.

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